Chapter 1
Section 17.1

SPEECH SERVICES

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I. PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

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II. DESCRIPTION

Medical services that provide evaluation, treatment, habilitation, and rehabilitation of speech, language, and voice dysfunctions resulting from congenital anomalies, disease, injury, hearing loss, communication or pervasive developmental disorders.

III. POLICY

- A. Speech services, including those for dysfunctions resulting from a therapeutic process such as vocal cord surgery, may be cost-shared.
- B. Speech services must be provided, or prescribed by and under the general supervision of a physician.

IV. EXCLUSIONS

- A. Myofunctional or tongue thrust therapy.
- B. For beneficiaries aged 3 to 21 who are receiving special education services from a public educational agency, cost-sharing of outpatient speech services that are required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and which are indicated in the beneficiary's Individual Education Plan, may not be cost-shared except when the intensity or timeliness of speech services as proposed by the educational agency are not appropriate medical care.